

MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES November 16, 2007

***** APPROVED *****

Members Present:

Candace Cowling
Jerry Dorsey, IV
Honorable Amy Krause, Chair
Honorable Nathaniel C. Perry, III

Staff Present:

Phiang Aldrich
Michelle Bynum
Debi Cain, Executive Director
Celestine Colton
Deb Felder-Smith

Julie Giddings
Josie Jubb, Board Secretary
Mary Lovik
Barb Mills
Karen Porter

Guests:

Jill Booth, SCAO
Sylvia Brown-Jones, DHS, Children's Trust Fund
Jeffrie Cape, BISCMI
David Garvin, BISCMI
Kathy Hagenian, MCADSV
Emma Peterson, YWCA/Interim House Metro Detroit
Shaundra Steininger, Child & Family Resource Council

Welcome and Introductions

Chair A. Krause convened the November 16, 2007 Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) meeting at the DHS, Grand Tower Building in Lansing, MI, at 10:05 a.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests. Agenda was rearranged due to no quorum yet.

CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Krause thanked MCADSV for securing an additional \$450,000.00 to replace lost STOP funds. MCADSV was able to get \$450,000 of general fund dollars added to assist as a one-time increase to help offset the unexpected federal fund losses this year.

A. Krause asked that Board members let D. Cain know if they will be providing legislative testimony on behalf of their job, a group or association. Hopefully checking in will assist us in avoiding any conflicts of interest.

A. Krause wanted to thank D. Cain for buying lunch for Board, staff and guests for today's meeting.

Discussion regarding updating the Board's Governance policy. Candace and Debi will work on this and bring recommendations to the board.

2008 Board meeting dates have been scheduled.

A. Krause has a meeting with DHS Director this coming week.

J. Dorsey pointed out a typo in the Financial Condition Reports, paragraph 2 (that). There was further discussion of policy reviews and changes that need to be made. C. Cowling will do a presentation at the next Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE

D. Cain thanked C. Cowling for her help with the Policy Governance.

D. Cain noted that MDVPTB got the renewal for the Safe Havens project for 2 more years. We're funding 6 sites now. Saginaw and Monroe have been added.

N. Perry arrived 10:30 am, providing a quorum.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda; approval of September 28, 2007 Board meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by J. Dorsey to approve the November 16, 2007 agenda and to approve the September 28, 2007 meeting minutes. Seconded by C. Cowling. Motion carried.

MONITORING TO ASSURE ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

The Governance Process and Policy Review

Executive Limitations:

Treatment of Staff; Compensation and Benefits; Financial Condition; Assurance of Quality; Contracting Process

The Board reviewed and approved D. Cain's Treatment of Staff; Compensation and Benefits; Financial Condition; Assurance of Quality; Contracting Process reports.

MOTION: Moved by J. Dorsey to accept the Treatment of Staff; Compensation and Benefits; Financial Condition; Assurance of Quality; Contracting Process reports. Seconded by C. Cowling. Motion carried.

Governance Process:

Governance Commitment; Chairperson's Role

The Board reviewed the policies. No motion required.

**Board-Staff Relationship:
Monitoring Executive Performance**

The Board reviewed the policies. No motion required.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Good news, GTEA's been extended for another year. This has been a great project and we're glad it's continuing. We will also be applying for the next funding cycle starting 10/1/08.

Discussion of VAWA 2005 certifications. MDVPTB is working to come into compliance. SCAO is assisting us regarding revised forms that have to be in place by 12/31/08.

K. Hagenian commented on how thrilled MCADSV was to get the \$450,000 General Fund dollars. MCADSV appreciates the Board's support. D. Cain noted that no program took more than a 2% cut thanks to MCADSV's hard and amazing work.

D. Cain thanked staff J. Giddings, C. Colton, and P. Baker who have done an enormous amount of work to get contracts amended in time to include the additional \$450,000. They worked late and long hours to get this accomplished.

Discussion of SANE fund legislation and how sexual assault exams should be free of charge. We will be looking at other options to be in compliance with VAWA 2005 certification by 1/05/09.

Brief review of draft 2008 STOP Plan. Two primary changes to 2008: Set aside dollars for culturally specific organizations and address the current economic difficulties in Michigan.

MOTION: Moved by N. Perry to approve existing state STOP plan with our approval two modifications, including section on Michigan's current economic circumstances and set aside dollars specifically for culturally specific communities. Seconded by C. Cowling. Motion carried.

Legislative Review

M. Lovik reviewed the following recently-introduced bills, noting that a formal staff analysis could be done on specific bills if requested by Board members.

- *HB 5349, 5146* – Amendments to the Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA).
- *HB 5355* - Allow use of state crime victim rights funds for sexual assault services, among other services.
- *HB 5419* - Lift the prohibition on obtaining expunction of convictions for attempted life offenses and CSC 2-3 and assault with attempt to commit CSC. This bill is in conflict with a Board position expressed Dec. 3, 2004, opposing the expansion of opportunities for domestic violence perpetrators to avoid or eliminate criminal convictions for their crimes beyond those that exist in current law.

The following motion was adopted following a report by M. Lovik on the conclusions of a workgroup convened by the Board after its meeting in March, 2007 in response to HB4466:

MOTION: Moved by J. Dorsey that at this time, the Board supports leaving MCL750.316 as written. The Board recognizes the need to appropriately sanction domestic violence perpetrators who commit murder. Other avenues to accomplish this purpose may include training and/or amending the sentencing guidelines. Seconded by N. Perry. Motion carried.

David Garvin and Jeffrie Cape gave a slide show presentation about Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan (BISCMI). BISCMI provides a working forum for interaction and information sharing among agencies and individuals concerned with the provision of batterer intervention services in Michigan. They create and maintain coordinated community actions that hold batterers accountable for their behavior and promote victim safety, autonomy and empowerment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathy Hagenian thanked the Board for their continued support.

PROCESS EVALUATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 2:08 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by C. Cowling to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J. Dorsey. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Josie Jubb